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- 11. (C) ECOUNS and TREASATT delivered reftel points to Central Bank of Jordan Deputy Governor Faris Sharaf on April 17, 2006. When asked about Jordan's position on the MENA/FATF charities paper, Sharaf had no concerns about the current draft of the paper. He asserted, however, that "for political reasons," Jordan would support whatever view the Saudis held on whether to revise the paper.
- ¶2. (C) Regarding his participation in the September MENA/FATF meeting in Doha, Sharaf noted that, once Jordan has a fully operational Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), he hopes to have the FIU head represent Jordan at MENA/FATF and to handle terrorism financing and money laundering issues in general. However, he accepted ECOUNS' argument that, due to Jordan's current vice presidency of MENA/FATF (and upcoming presidency in 2007), Jordan needed to be represented at MENA/FATF at a high level. Sharaf agreed that he would attend the Qatar meeting.